AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

The following listing of claims replaces all prior listings, and all prior versions, of claims in the application.

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (Currently Amended)   A reproducing apparatus which reproduces information recorded on a recording medium, comprising:

a pickup which reads information including recording medium identify information, a first content, and a second content recorded on the recording medium, wherein both the first content and the second content are audio visual information;

a reproducing signal processing circuit which reproduces the information read by the pickup;

a memory which stores a plurality of recording medium identify information sets which have ever been processed by the reproducing signal processing circuit; and

a controller which controls the reproducing apparatus;

wherein the recording medium identify information includes an ID unique to the recording medium;

wherein said controller permits reproduction of the second content when the recording medium identify information stored in the memory satisfies a predetermined requirement, and

wherein the first content can be reproduced whether or not the recording medium identify information satisfies the predetermined requirement.

2. (Previously Presented) The reproducing apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said memory is detachable.

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3. (Previously Presented) The reproducing apparatus according to claim 1, wherein a program required for said decision processing is obtained from said recording medium.

4. (Previously Presented) The reproducing apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said controller can obtain information from an external device via a network and a program required for said decision processing is obtained from the external device via the network.

5. (Previously Presented) The reproducing apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said predetermined requirement includes a number of said recording medium Identify information sets, stored in said memory, that are required to reproduce said second content.

6. (Cancelled)

7. (Currently Amended) A reproducing method for reproducing information which includes recording medium Identify Information, a first content, and a second content recorded on a recording medium, comprising the steps of:

reproducing recording medium identify information that includes an ID unique to the recording medium;

storing a plurality of recording medium Identify Information sets which have ever been processed;

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reproducing the second content when the recording medium identify

information stored in the memory satisfies a predetermined requirement; and

reproducing the first content whether or not the recording medium identify

information satisfies the predetermined requirement;

wherein both the first content and the second content are audio visual

information, the method.

8. (Previously Presented) The reproducing method according to claim 7,

wherein a program required for said decision processing is obtained from said

recording medium.

9. (Previously Presented) The reproducing method according to claim 7,

wherein a program required for said decision processing is obtained from an external

device via a network.

10. (Previously Presented)   The reproducing method according to claim

7, wherein said predetermined requirement includes a number of said recording

medium identification information sets, stored in the memory, that are required to

reproduce said second contents.

11. (Cancelled)

12. (Currently Amended)   A program for controlling a reproducing apparatus

that reproduces information which includes recording identify information, a first

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content, and a second content recorded on a recording medium, comprising the steps of:

reading out the recording medium identify information stored in a memory of said reproducing apparatus; and

reproducing the second content when the recording medium identify information read out from the memory satisfies a predetermined requirement;

wherein both the first content and the second content are audio visual information;

wherein the recording medium identify information includes an ID unique to the recording medium.

13. (Previously Presented)   The reproducing method according to claim 12, wherein predetermined requirement includes a number of said recording medium identification information sets, read out from said memory, that are required to reproduce said second contents.

14. (Cancelled)

15. (Currently Amended)   An apparatus for reproducing information stored on a recording medium~~A recording medium on which information is stored~~, said information comprising:

recording medium identify information for identifying the recording medium;

a first content;

a second content;

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wherein both the first content and the second content are audio visual

information, and wherein the recording medium identify information includes an ID

unique to the recording medium; and

a program which controls a reproducing apparatus to execute the steps of:

reading out recording medium Identify Information stored in the

reproducing apparatus; and

reproducing the second content when the recording medium identify

information read out from the memory satisfies a predetermined requirement.

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